B.P. Act and arrested and later released 31 VHP activists.

In Rajasthan, the Banswara district has witnessed some atrocities on christians. On 11th July, 1997, Rev. D. Kingsley, Director, Sheloh Mission, Banswara was assaulted at Rabitalai, Banswara and his scooter was snatched by local RSS/VHP workers.

On 8th July, 1997, one Abraham, who runs a school in Banswara, was assaulted by 3/4 RSS workers but police investigation revealed that it was a false case.

On 15th August, 1997, one Bondiyar and his family members were beaten up and Christian literature was burnt by local RSS workers. Police found the complaint correct and submitted challan in case No. 327/97 U/S 451/323/435/295-A IPC at PS Akliapara.

On 15th September, 1997, a group of ABVP workers threatened and beaten one Catholic Priest of St. Paul's School of Banswara.

On 20th October, 1997, one Yolten Barcia of village Macha was allegedly beaten but no complaint in this regard was lodged with the police.

On 3rd November, 1997, a car of R.V. Singh incharge Sharansthal Mission, Banswara, was damaged by RSS workers after a controversy that tribals were being converted at village Borkhandi. He did not report the matter to police.

On 9th November, 1997, Vir Singh Bhagat (Christian) was beaten by three Bajrangdal workers at Banswara. Police registered a case No. 7/7/1997 under section 342/323/34 IPC.

On 12th November, 1997, 3 ladies namely Susan, Bichola, and Elikutti of Kailinjara complained to the police that one Dinesh Kalal, an RSS worker, threatened them to leave the village. Police investigated the case and found it to be a false case.

Job Opportunities for Disabled Women and Rural Folk in Maharashtra

2834. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that disabled women have received a raw deal in employment and disabled people living in rural areas have been left to fend for themselves in the country particularly in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action Government propose to take to improve the lot and job opportunities for disabled women and disabled rural folk in the country particularly in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (c) The information has been called for from the Government of Maharashtra.

Central Aid for Tribals in Gujarat

2835. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Gujarat have sought any Central aid for dealing with the special problems of the tribals in the State this year;

(b) if so, the details of the Central aid sought; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) There is no such proposal from the State Government of Gujarat during this year.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.